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## State Documents Online

The MSL State Publications Distribution Center was established in 1967 by the Montana Legislature to promote "the establishment of an orderly depository library system." In the 30 years since then, MSL has distributed thousands of Montana state government documents to libraries across the state. Currently sixteen libraries participate in our program. While some libraries are full depositories, others select documents which best meet their collection's needs. The vast majority, if not all, of the documents distributed have been in paper format. With the advent of computers and telecommunication technology, however, information access has changed considerably.

The Montana State Library is pleased to announce a new project in which state documents will be accessible through our Internet home page. The library has purchased equipment and Folio software. Folio is an infobase that allows full text indexing and retrieval of large amounts of information. By clicking on the "State Documents-online" button on our web page [<http://msl.mt.gov>] you will see an introductory sample of what is possible. As we work on standards and procedures, we will also be encouraging state agencies to publish their documents on the database.

We will continue to distribute and catalog paper documents, but look forward to working with agencies, libraries and the public with this new format. Contact: Don Cornish, 406-444-5432 or e-mail: [dcornish@msl.mt.gov](mailto:dcornish@msl.mt.gov).

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**and Operation**, by Donald J.  
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### Calendar

October 3	Tamarack Federation meeting in Kalispell
October 4	Broad Valleys Federation meeting in Anaconda-
October 11	Sagebrush Federation meeting in Miles City
October 9	Pathfinder Federation meeting in Conrad
October 15	MSL Commission meeting in Helena
October 28	Law Revision Task Force meeting in Helena
November 11	Veterans Day - State Holiday
November 27	Thanksgiving Day - State Holiday
December 5	Networking Task Force Meeting
December 3	Montana State Library Commission Meeting - Helena
December 25	Christmas Day - State Holiday

## A Word From Our State Librarian

Greetings. After a year of work as the State Librarian, I am still very proud and excited to be working with you to improve library services to the citizens of Montana. I am not naturally reflective and generally prefer to look forward rather than back, but anniversaries seem to demand an appraisal of the past.

I am most pleased with the relationships that I have formed with some of you. I enjoy my visits to libraries and to group meetings very much and look forward to getting to know more librarians, trustees, and library supporters in the next year, and strengthening ties with "old" friends.

I am pleased that the Commission has adopted a long-range plan. I am happy that the plan is useful. I use it to guide our activities day-to-day and to set priorities.

I am also pleased about the various initiatives that we have started. The Networking Task Force met September 10. Its very full plate included reviewing changes in interlibrary loans policies, setting up new criteria for the electronic database licensing project, and funding Internet access. I look forward to working with state and depository libraries as we review state and federal documents programs in Montana. The Federation Coordinators have scheduled a retreat in Oc-

tober to discuss federation matters and the Commission will also have a retreat day in October to consider setting goals and learning about their decision-making styles. At the end of October, the Law Revision Task Force starts its long process of reviewing and modifying Montana's library law.

Reappraisal means evaluating the bad with the good, and, indeed, I have had some frustrations during this first year. Two key staff members from the Development Division resigned—we miss them very much. I would like to have the time to visit more libraries. Upon the advice of our attorney, we denied state aid to the libraries in Teton County and in Heron because they are not legally established. My frustrations include not having enough time to accomplish each of my goals. I'm asking for 28 hour days for a Christmas present.

The good far outweighs the frustrations of the past year. In fact, this year exceeded my criteria for a "good" year. I made some progress, made new friends, saw more of beautiful Montana, learned many new things, and had much fun. Thanks to you for all your support. I look forward eagerly to many more years with you.



### Karen's Travel Schedule:

#### October:

2nd- 3rd - Tamarack Federation Meeting Missoula  
9th - Pathfinder Federation Meeting, Conrad  
10th - Havre for Library Board Meeting  
14th - MSL Commission Retreat  
16th - Federation Coord. Retreat  
18th-24th - COSLA Meeting in Boise

#### November:

5th-6th - SummitNet Visioning Conference  
7th - MLA Board Meeting

### NOTICE: MSL Workshops

At the fall Federation meetings, state library staff, with help from Bonnie Lorang of the Public Service Commission, will offer two-hour workshops on the basics of Internet connection, applying for state universal access funds and the federal E-rate. Meetings dates are:

9/11 Wolf Point Library  
9/27 Billings Library  
10/2 Missoula Public Library  
10/4 Anaconda Public Library  
10/9 Conrad Public Library  
10/11 Miles City Public Library

Contact Darlene Staffeldt, 406-444-5381, dmstaff@wln.com.

### Directory Changes

Page 8, Fallon County Library, Baker, Karyn Brown, Director, e-mail: fal-lonco@midrivers.com

Page 8, Belgrade Community Library, new e-mail: bellib@mtlib.org. Barb Abbott's old e-mail has been discontinued.

## Montana Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Program

Interlibrary loan reimbursement forms for fiscal year 1998 have been sent out to libraries that participated in the program during fiscal year 1997. Public and non-profit Montana libraries that are listed in the Montana Library Directory published by the Montana State Library are eligible to participate in the program. Reimbursement is given for library materials loans to other Montana libraries that are also listed in the Library Directory. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted within 10 working days after the end of each quarter for which reimbursement is sought. The reimbursement rate will be \$5.84 for each item loaned in the first three quarters. The rate will be adjusted in the fourth quarter.

If you would like to receive the necessary forms to participate in the program, or if you have any questions contact: Mary Jane West, 406-444-3384 or Tristen Shinnick, 406-444-3115, [tshinnic@msl.mt.gov](mailto:tshinnic@msl.mt.gov)

## German Library Students Do Practicum in Helena

For four weeks this summer library school students Susann Haupka and Susanne Reuter, both from Leipzig, Germany, performed their practicums in Helena.

Lorrie Holt hosted the students several times at the Clancy school. Bruce Newell, of the Lewis and Clark Public Library, had them work at the library's reference desk and took them to an MLA Board meeting in Livingston. They spent a day at Carroll College with Christian Frazza, who also took them boating. They attended the State Library Commission meeting in Deer Lodge and visited the prison library. The students also visited the Legislative Council Library, OPI Resource Center, St. Peter's Hospital Medical Library, Montana State Library, State Law Library of Montana, Montana Historical Society Library, Shodair, and the Townsend Library.

Susann and Susanne reported that they enjoyed their visit.

## Around the State

Helena area library support staff met recently to discuss ideas for forming a statewide group to address the concerns of library support staff and to initiate continuing education opportunities. For more information, contact Barbara Pepper Rotness, MSL, [bpepper@msl.mt.gov](mailto:bpepper@msl.mt.gov) or phone Rita Gibson, State Law Library, 406-444-3660.

The Bozeman Public Library Board of Trustees hired Alice Meister as Library Director beginning October 1. Ms. Meister has been the director of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library in Sheridan, Wyoming since 1981. She took a leave of absence in 1995-96 to set up a school library in South Africa.

Barb Abbott, Director of the Belgrade Library since January 1995 left to take a position as Library Media Center Director for the Onalaska School District in Onalaska, WI. Her last day was August 15. Connie Crawford is serving as Acting Director.

Ruth Longworth, former Montana state librarian, died recently in Santa Barbara, California, where she had lived since 1970. She was 94. Longworth moved to Cut Bank to head the Glacier County Library in 1945. She was appointed state librarian in 1957 by Governor J. Hugo Aronson. She was named librarian of the year by Governor Forrest Anderson in 1970.

Twin Bridges Library celebrated its 100th birthday with a party in June.

The Montana Office of Public Instruction is seeking nominations for 3 awards.

- 1) a successful literacy program,
- 2) an exceptional teacher in a LVA (Literacy Volunteers of America), ABE (Adult Basic Education) or Even Start program,
- 3) a successful or exceptional participant of any of LVA, ABE or Even Start.

Contact: David Huff, OPI at 406/444-4396, Joan Morris, OPI at 406/444-3083. Deadline: October 15, 1997.

## Voluntary Certification Program

Montana has a system established to certify, on a voluntary basis, librarians and library staff members. The importance to the state cannot be overestimated, for there are few opportunities offered currently to librarians to be recognized for "going the extra mile" to keep up with the field. The certification process provides the means by which librarians can improve their skills. Boards can require and recognize such efforts on the part of their staff and, ultimately, library services to all Montanans will be improved.

The goal of the voluntary certification program is to: improve library service throughout the state; motivate librarians and library staff to acquire, maintain, and develop their skills through basic and continuing education; recognize librarians and library staff who, on a continuing basis, update their knowledge and skills in order to provide better library service to their patrons; improve the public image of librarians and libraries; and provide guidelines for governing boards to use when selecting and retaining personnel.

The voluntary certification program assists in providing increased direction and uniformity in continuing education programs for librarians across the state and in identifying and recruiting qualified librarians for library positions.

This is a reminder to all librarians that in order to be certified or recertified in the Voluntary Certification Program, you must have participated in 50 contact hours of approved continuing education within the last five [5] years, including at least five hours in each of the four continuing education areas:

- library administration,
- library services to the public,
- collection management and
- technical services and technology.

Certificates are valid for five years and you have until December 31, 1997 to have your certificate renewed, then you will have until December 31st of every 5th year thereafter to apply for recertification.

Contact Diane Gunderson, 406-444-5349, [dmgunde@msl.mt.gov](mailto:dmgunde@msl.mt.gov). For those with web access the Manual for Voluntary Certification Program is available at: <http://msl.mt.gov/slr/slrpubs.html>.

## Academic/Special Library Retreat Scheduled

The Academic/Special Libraries retreat will be held October 2-3 at the Sacajawea Inn in Three Forks.

Mary Devlin, formerly of Faxon and Blackwell, will present most of the program, "Hard Times: Survive or Thrive?" She will use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator as a springboard for a discussion on change. She'll talk about how different types of personalities respond to change, how to eliminate negative thinking, how to develop tools for personal resilience, how to stay in sync with others whatever the challenge, and how to effect positive change.

Gregg Notess, MSU-Bozeman, will top off the program on Friday with his "Search Engine Showdown," a discussion of four search engines including Hotbot, Excite, Info-seek, and Alta Vista.

There are also plans to conduct a meeting-in-the-round so we can hear from each other on the highlights and/or changes in our libraries.

You don't have to be a member of the Academic/Special Division of MLA to attend the retreat. If you are not a member contact Sandra Jarvie at the State Library, 406-444-5399, email: [sljarvie@msl.mt.gov](mailto:sljarvie@msl.mt.gov).

### Notice - GIS Workshops

**October 17** -Ken Wall, Geodata Services Inc, GIS in Ravalli County-Local Government GIS for the "Have Nots" (Rural Counties in Montana). Ken has been scanning and registering the existing parcel maps for Ravalli County. He will do a presentation on his innovative way to do GIS on a budget.

**November 14** -Ed Madej, Natural Resource Information System, The Ten Commandments of ArcView. Ed has been working with ArcView almost since it's inception, thus he has had the opportunity to learn what to do and what NOT to do.

## Networking Task Force Meets

The newly constituted Networking Task Force met at MSL on September 10. Guests of the group included Sharon West from WLN, and John Thomas, representing MLA's Interlibrary Loan Interest Group.

The task force discussed the state reimbursement for interlibrary loans and training issues. They recommended that MSL work with WLN to provide interlibrary loan training in the spring of 1998. They deferred recommendations on changes to the state reimbursement program until they are provided with more information.

Other agenda items included a review of the electronic licensing project and the internet access projects. The task force did not make any other recommendations at this meeting.

MSL staff will post the meeting notes on our web pages [<http://msl.mt.gov>] by September 25.



Networking Task Force Members: Sharon West, WLN; Wendy Wheeler, Information Services Division; Karyn Brown, Fallon County Library; and John Thomas, Carroll College Library.

## 1997 LSCA Title II Funds Redistributed

The MSL Commission redistributed \$100,000 of 1997 LSCA Title II funds that had been granted to the Twin Bridges Public Library. When it became apparent that Twin Bridges would not be able to raise the matching funds in time, the Commission instructed MSL staff to solicit new applications for the funds. At their August 14th meeting, held in Deer Lodge, the Commission awarded Flathead County Library System \$35,000 and the Dillon City Library \$65,000.

## NRIS Hiring Metadata Coordinator

NRIS-GIS is hiring a spatial Metadata Coordinator. Metadata is information which describes a data set. It is not the data itself but rather "data about the data". It is analogous to library catalogues which describe books. The prospective user should be able to find out about the data set without needing to access and investigate the data itself.

The state, federal, local, academic and the private sectors are currently producing mounds of spatial data. The metadata coordinator will be the central contact point for metadata producers and users throughout the state. This individual will conduct training sessions in the use of the Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) standards in cataloging spatial metadata. The FGDC standards are compatible with MARC cataloging format. Contact NRIS at 406-444-5354.

## Notes from MSL

**Webwise Kids:** ALA has launched a national campaign to inform parents about the Internet and help them create "webwise" kids. Among the materials is a brochure entitled "The Librarian's Guide to Cyberspace for Parents & Kids." You can order a copy by calling the ALA Public Information Office, 1-800-545-2433x5044, e-mail [pio@ala.org](mailto:pio@ala.org) or call Maggie Meredith at MSL, 1-800-338-5087. The brochure can be found on the ALA homepage, <http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites>.

**Old CD-ROM's?** As we get more information in this format, we will continue to have more old CD-ROM's. If you have any ideas for how to use them or know of recycling facilities, please contact Maggie Meredith, MSL, 1-800-338-5087, e-mail: [mmeredith@msl.mt.gov](mailto:mmeredith@msl.mt.gov). She will compile a list of suggestions for an upcoming issue.

**Censorship of the Humanities,** a humanities exhibition is on display through the middle of December at the Montana State Library/Justice Building in Helena. The display showcases censorship from ancient Greece to the present. The display covers censorship attempts from Plato advocating only state approved fables and legends, to the banning of Benjamin Franklin's *Autobiography*, and much more. If you are in Helena, stop by for a look.

## Spotlight: Kris Schmitz



Kris Schmitz

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Kris Schmitz, Fiscal Officer/Accountant has been named employee of the year for MSL. She was presented the award on September 24, by Governor Marc Racicot. Kris is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating areas related to:

- Accounting
- Budgeting
- Property control
- Financial forecasting
- Cash management.

Kris works closely with legislative auditors, the governor's office, the legislative fiscal analyst, and the Legislature in justifying and defending the agency's budget.

Kris has worked for the state for over fourteen years, starting at the Montana Historical Society where she

worked part time while attending Carroll College. She graduated in 1985 with a degree in accounting and business management. At the Department of Corrections she worked her way up to budget analyst. Then she came to the Montana State Library, where she has worked for the last five years.

Kris's after work time is spent with her family. She and husband Bob have two children, Shayla [12] and Shanna [10]. She and Bob coach the girls softball team, help coach the girls basketball team, soccer team, and this year have started cross country, volleyball and track. Kris assures us, "yes, they do study in there too!" In their free time the family likes to boat in the summer and down hill ski in the winter. "It keeps us busy, but is well worth it!" says Kris.



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### Corrections & Updates

In the last issue, Marcella Tart, of the Law Revision Task Force was mistakenly identified as Marcella Park.

Also, Maggie Farrel, of the Networking Task Force, represents all academic libraries, not just large ones.

Our apologies for both mistakes.

Lastly, since the last issue of Big Sky Libraries, Mary Doggett of the MSL Commission has agreed to serve on the Law Revision Task Force.